ABSOLUTE RATING: Average **IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 82.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

Absolute Rating Average

Improvement Rating Average

2001 2002

2003

2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









Mathematics

English/ Language Arts

Mathematics

English/ Language Arts

Advanced







Below Basic

DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORI	NG BASIC OR AB	OVE ON THE	PACT	
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=154)	76	56.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=22)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=132)	78	61.4		
Gender				
Male (n=86)	75.6	60		
Female (n=60)	75	51.7		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=54)	63	34		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=91)	82.4	69.2		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=101)	69.3	50		
Pay for lunch (n=45)	88.9	71.1		

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$6,645	N/A	\$5,474	\$5,347
 Prime instructional time 	88.1%	Down from 88.8	% 89.7%	90.2%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.2 to 1	N/A	18.3 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=361)				
Attendance Rate	95%	Down from 95.7	% 96%	96.2%
 Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level 	9.7%	N/A	6.5%	4.1%
 Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade leve 	3.3% I	N/A	5.6%	3.1%
 First graders who attended full day kindergarten 	95.1%	Up from 93.2%	96.6%	96.3%
 Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate TEACHERS (n=30)	12%	Up from 5.1%	4.3%	3.6%
 Professional Development days per teacher 	5 Days	Down from 7.2	7.9 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	93.8%	Down from 94.2	% 95.1%	95.1%
 Teachers with advanced degrees 	43.3%	Up from 40%	42.2%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 76.7%	82.6%	83.8%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 3.3%	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	89%	Down from 90.6	% 86.3%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$38,861	Up 8.4%	\$36,313	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	61.3%	N/A	64.8%	65.3%
 Principal's years at the school 	1	N/A	3	4.0
 Parents attending conferences 	62.5%	N/A	95.8%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
 On academic plans 	68.9%	Up from 33.1%	51.5%	43.1%
 On academic probation 	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
 Older than usual for grade 	3.3%	Up from 1%	1.6%	1.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	1	N/A	2	1
 Gifted and talented 	7.6%	Up from 3.2%	7.8%	11.5%
 With disabilities other than speech 	15%	Up from 9.9%	9.9%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Homeland Park Elementary School is a Title I school which is located in the southern boundaries of Anderson, South Carolina. We serve approximately 380 students in grades K – 5 on a modified calendar schedule. Seventy percent of our student population qualifies for free/reduced lunch. Our school has a transient rate of 49% due to a large number of parents living in rental property. There are several strengths in our school this year. Volunteer hours increased by 3,375 hours for a total of 21,208 hours. Out-of-Zone applications for attendance at our school have doubled this year. The transient rate in our school dropped to 49%, down 3% from the 2000-01 school year. A science specialist will be added to our faculty for the 2001-02 school year. Our school strategic plan addresses the following needs:

To develop and implement a plan to decrease discipline referrals by 30% by 2004.

To develop and implement a plan to increase mastery of grade level standards. To update and implement a plan to increase student attendance.

To develop and implement a plan to increase parental involvement in school activities.

Our students have performed well academically, artistically, and in community service. Eighty percent of our students tested "Ready" for first grade on the CSAB 2001 test. Forty-one of our third grade students tested were awarded bicycles due to passing scores on the Reading portion of the P.A.C.T. 2000 test through the district grant program "Reading to Ride." Two of our students participated in the Regional Science Fair. Our entire student body performed a song that was selected for broadcast in the Worldwide Concert. One of our student's artwork was selected by the Anderson County Arts Center for permanent display. The Junior League of Anderson selected one of our student's artwork for publication in the South Carolina Junior League cookbook in April 2002. Our students donated 1,730 food items to the Good Neighbor Cupboard, an Anderson food bank, and 100 pet food items to the Anderson Animal Shelter. One of our teachers was the recipient of the Golden Apple Award, a teacher recognition award presented by a regional upstate television station. In May 2001, Homeland Park Elementary School was named a Flagship School of Promise for 2001.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	96.6	93.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	93.1	96.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	24.1	91.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Homeland Park Elementary 3519 Wilmont Street Anderson, SC 29624

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 361 Students

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Annual School		2001
Report Card		2001

School Grade: Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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